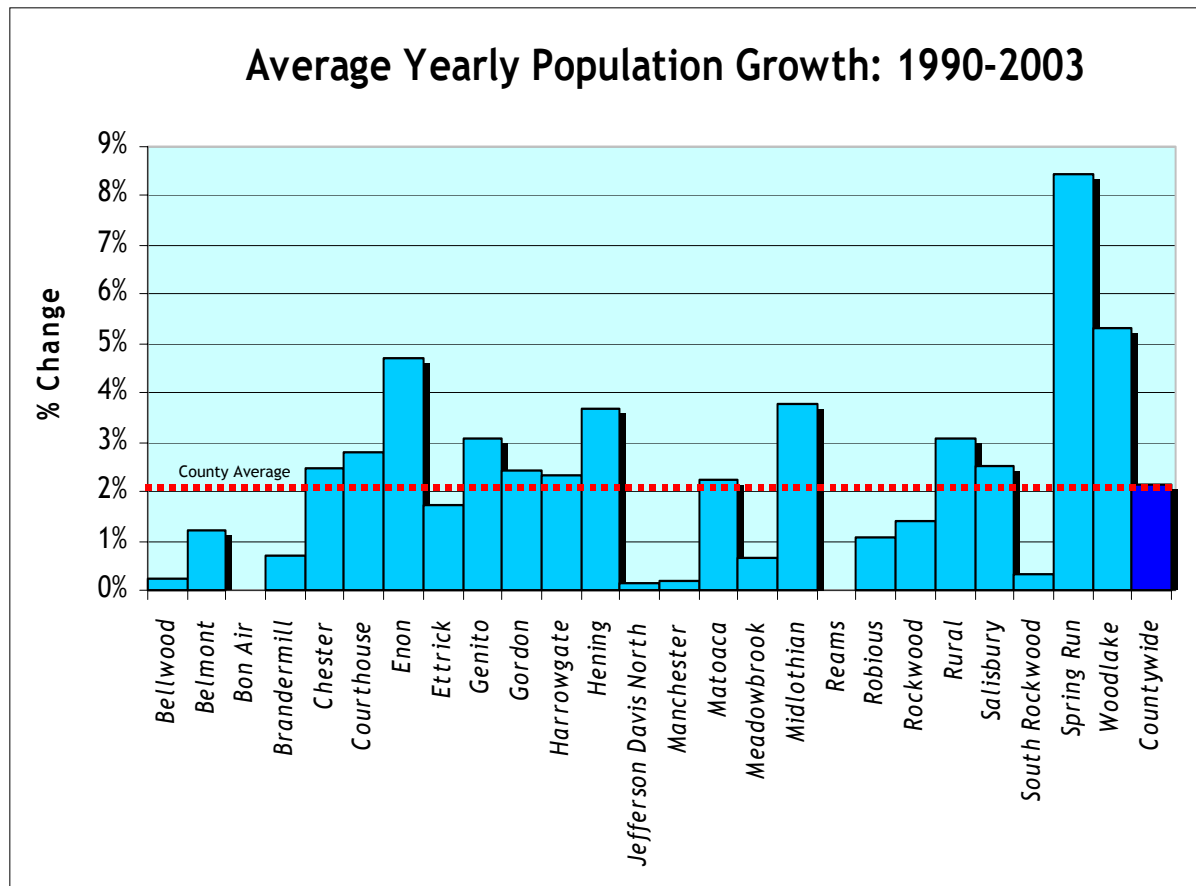


Population Trends and Projections

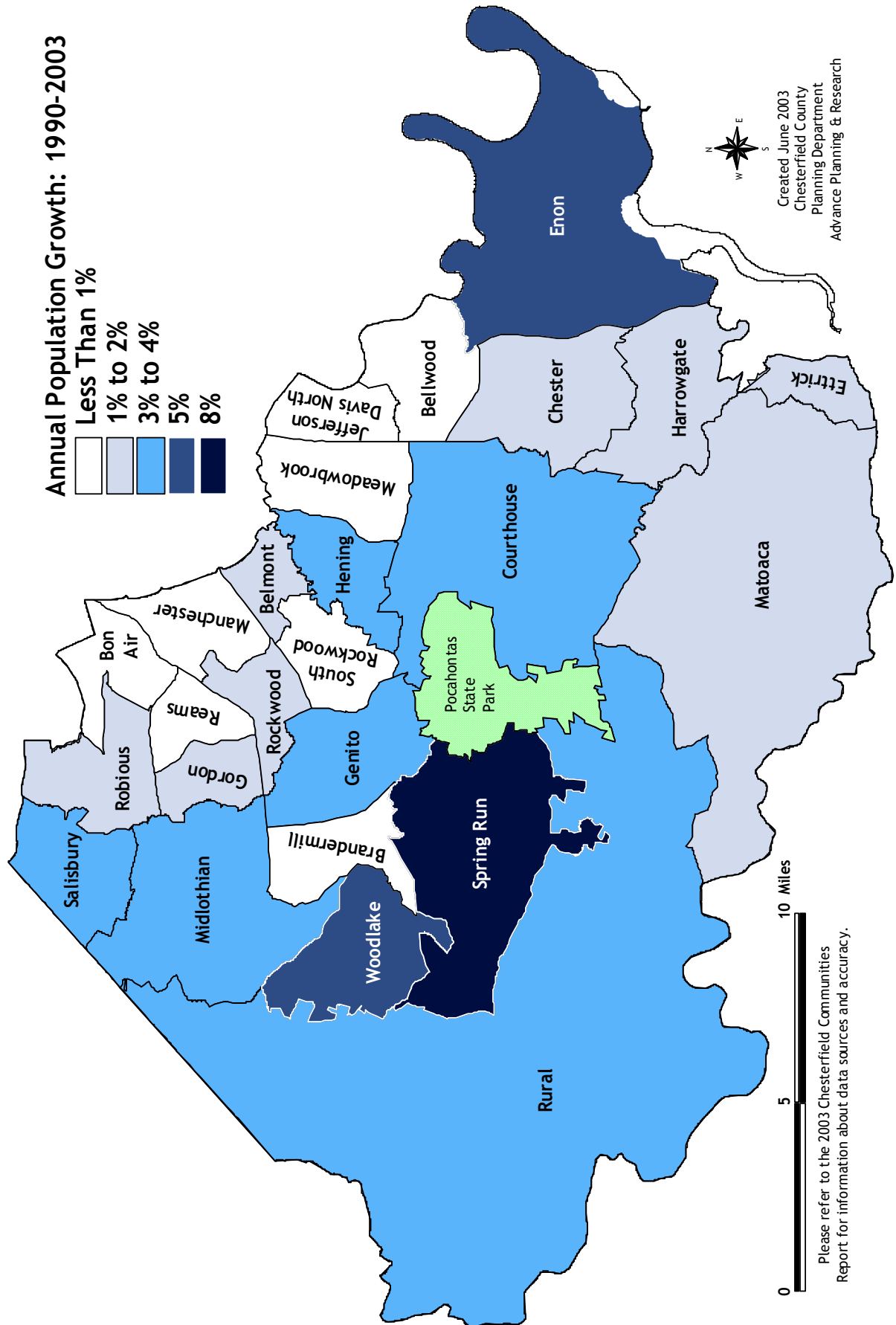
POPULATION TRENDS

County population increased from 215,000 to 278,000 between 1990 and 2003. This growth rate equaled about 2.2 percent per year, or 4,800 additional persons per year. Rapid population growth during the past decade was especially strong in Spring Run and Woodlake. The Bon Air and Reams communities had slight population declines.

Population trends do not necessarily indicate community vitality. Some areas are built out and others have much more vacant land, so there will be wide disparities in community growth trends. However, growth trends can provide valuable insight about the rate of community change. Fast-growing communities will often have rapidly increasing assessments and instability due to changing demographics and land use. Residents of newer areas may also share concerns about the availability and adequacy of public facilities, such as schools and roads, and the adequacy of businesses to provide needed services.



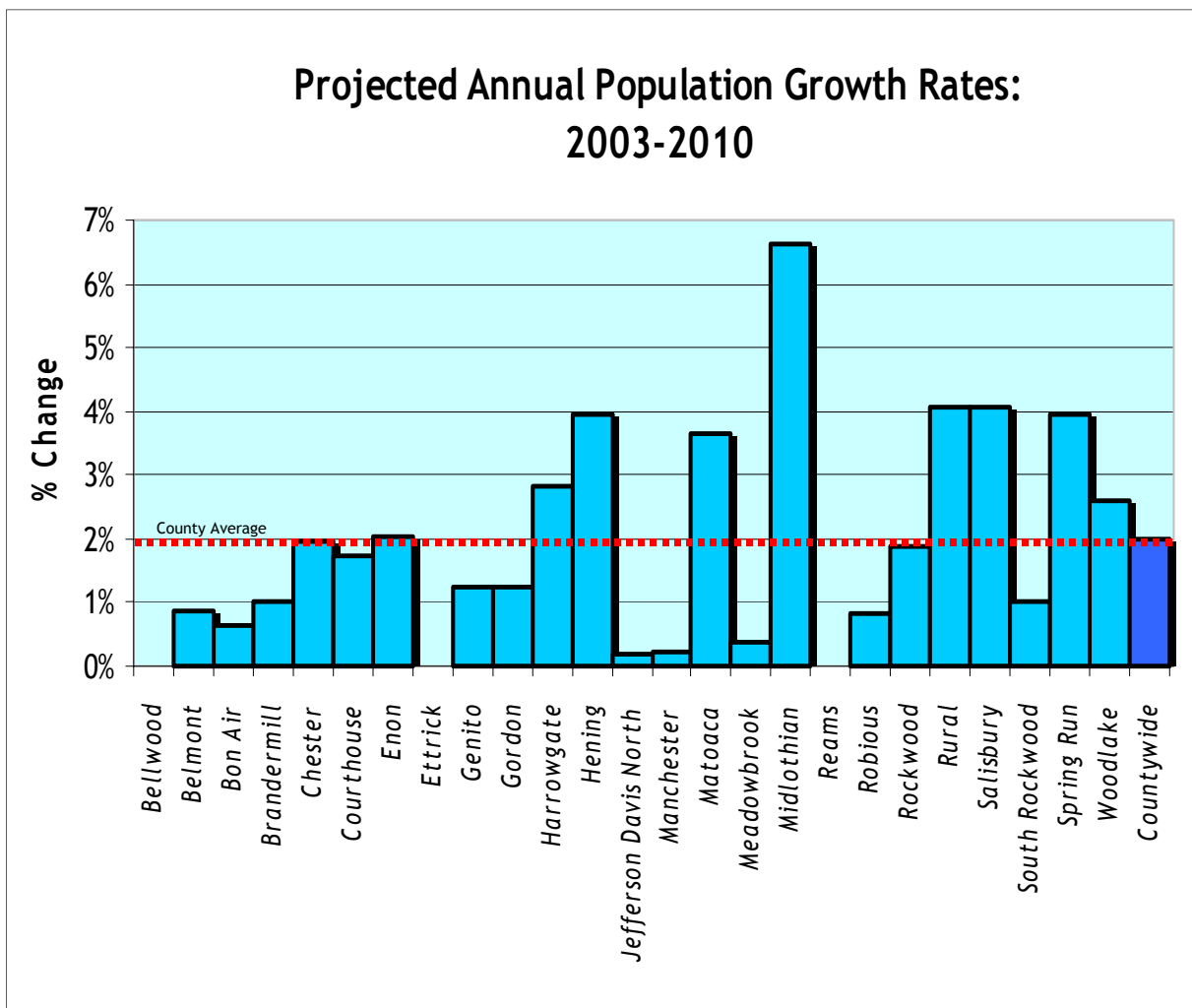
Annual Population Growth: 1990-2003



POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Where will we grow? The county estimates that growth rates throughout the county will be slightly lower during the next seven years, with approximately 5,900 new residents added per year – an average increase of two percent per year. Projected high-growth communities include Hening, Midlothian, Rural, Salisbury and Spring Run.

Projected slow-growth communities include Bellwood, Ettrick and Reams.



Projected Annual Population Growth: 2003-2010

